

Audrey Henson, CEO & Founder of College to Congress, Biography

Audrey Henson founded College to Congress in 2016, a nonprofit dedicated to creating a more diverse, inclusive, and effective Congress by empowering the next generation of public servants. A Pell Grant student, Audrey had to work two part-time jobs and take out \$6,500 in student loans to afford the opportunity to intern for free in Congress and later become a full-time staffer. Audrey helped lead the advocacy for the \$48 million in appropriations for the House Paid Internship Program and is a 2020 Forbes 30 Under 30 honoree who was a founding member of Capitol Strong featured in the *New York Times*, *CBS This Morning*, *The Washington Business Journal*, *Politico*, and more.